

Editorial Note:

As from this issue of WORLD TRADE AND ARBITRATION MATERIALS, the policy of automatically reproducing the salient parts of the World Trade Organization's Trade Policy Reviews has been abandoned. There are several reasons for this decision; first, the full text of these reviews can be readily obtained – and in a more timely fashion – on the WTO Website, at www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/tpr_e.htm.

Second, the explosion in investment arbitration in recent years has made it necessary to free up space in each issue of WTAM for the publication of the many significant decisions of, inter alia, NAFTA and ICSID tribunals.

WTAM will continue to report – as in this issue – on important decisions of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body.

Finally, as this is my last issue of WTAM, which I have been honored to edit for the past six years, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the publishing staff at Kluwer Law International for their support, as well as my assistant editor in recent years, Devashish Krishan, for his diligent work and excellent contributions.

– *Bette Shifman*